(b) The overall production of these two subsidiaries and their re-spective share in the total output of CIL during 1988-89 and 1989-90 is given in the following table:—

	1988-89		1989-90	
	Production (million tonnes)	% of share in CIL's total production of 171.55 m.t.	Production (million tonnes)	% of share in CIL's total production of 178.59 m.t.
ECL . . .	30.21	17.61	24.46	13.70
BCCL . . .	26.31	15.34	26.62	14.91

(c) The following steps have been/ are being taken to improve their performance:—

(i) Introduction of intermediate mechanisation in the existing underground mines/selected mines and deployment of additional load haul dumpers and side discharge loaders.

(ii) Construction of new projects.

(iii) Improve power availability by having regular discussions with officials of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and State Electricity Boards.

(iv) Close monitoring of underground mines.

(v) Increased utilisation of equipment.

(vi) Reduce absenteeism of workers by taking suitable action against regular absentees.

(vii) Opening out new districts in the existing mines through short-term schemes to augment production capacity.

(viii) Make efforts to sort out problems of sand supply.

(ix) Make efforts to open projects in Raniganj coalfield of ECL.

Crisis in BHEL Units

1279. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the BHEL units in the country are facing closure because of lack of supply orders;

(b) if so, what are their names, and what is the present position with regard to the supply order in respect of each of these units;

(c) what is the estimated loss likely to be suffered in the event of closure of these units;

(d) what are the reasons for the lack of supply orders; and

(e) what steps Government propose to avert this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) The capacity utilisation of BHEL for the manufacture of power generation equipment is fairly satisfactory during the current year.

The capacity utilisation of BHEL for the 8th Plan projects is under

constant review by the Government in order to ensure that the manufacturing facilities available with the company are adequately utilised.

Animal power to generate electricity

1280. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item which appeared in the 'Times of India' [illegible] dated 17th July, 90, captioned "Animal Power to Generate Electricity" which refers to some aspects of experiments conducted by National Institute for Training and Industrial Engineering for generating electricity by using animal power;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) how does Government view it to solve shortage of electricity in rural areas and use of idle bullock power in the country side?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTAUY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Using Animals To Generate Power" which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated July, 16, 1990.

(b) The National Institute for Training in Industrtal Engineering, Bombay has developed a prototype generator which can be run with animal power. By using a pair of bullocks, the generator can charge a battery bank to support a load of about 120 watts for five hours per day.

(c) The utilisation of bullock power for generation of electricity would depend upon further research & development work and field trials to establish the techno-economic viability of the system.

Observance of Guidelines of BPE by oil companies in Assam

1281. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines issued by BPE regarding development of of ancilliary industries are being followed by Indian Oil Limited, Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Assam; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ban on use of Medicines

1282. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALT AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have warned the people against the use of certain medicines viz. with cloxacillin pain pill, sodium chloride dextrose injection and nitro-furazone cream etc.;

(b) if so, what are the names of such State Governments with background thereof in each case;

(c) whether this warning is also based on 'sub-standard' stuff in these drugs; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken against the manufacturers in this regard and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) Central Government only has the